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AN ERUDITE MAID.

Ellen Halsey, a young woman of brilliant talents, who lived in Boston, where, 'tis said, much erudition grew. With a weight of wondrous learning was her youthful mind overladen, And her, a handsome maid, Botany, and not a simple rose.

She translated Greek and Sanscrit, and she "did unto the Persian;" Carlyle and Herbert Spencer helped to feed her hungry brain; While for rabid writers she professed a great aversion, And turned her Grecian nose aloft with infinite disdain.

She explained with perfect clearness all her views on evolution, And told with modest pride about her first ancestor's birth. His pre-Adamite and globular and airy constitution, When first he formed himself to live upon this earth.

She entered a Chautauque class to stuff herself with knowledge, And studied many moody books she could not understand; And all the brilliant graduates from Yale and Harvard College Declared she was the brightest girl throughout their Yankee land.

Indeed, when all the world was dark her beacon burned most brightly; What think you she was doing through the secret midnight hours, Why, the travels by The Dickens, most frivolous and sprightly, Where the love talk and the nonsense and the kismet came in showers.

ATLANTIC CITY'S ATTRACTIONS

its Convenience as a Summer Resort for Washingtonians.

Special Correspondence of The Critic.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 8.—I place the question of selecting a place where the summer may be pleasantly passed in being discussed very freely just now in Washington circles, as it is everywhere else, especially since the advent of spring weather has reminded everybody that the hotel term will soon be upon us.

From what I can learn we are to be honored this year more largely than ever before by the presence of Washingtonians. In fact, the tide has been setting this way more and more strongly for several years, and the presence here last summer of your crack military organization, the Washington Light Infantry (which corps was in camp for a week on the grounds of the United States Hotel), had the effect to attract very many of your citizens, and of visiting officers for the first time, received impressions of Atlantic City which were so favorable that we are not surprised to know there is to be a good deal of Washington society here during the coming summer.

And why not? Where is there better or surfer bathing? When superior facilities for boating, yachting and fishing? Where a more salubrious climate? Where a locality in which country and seashore are so charmingly combined? And last, but not least, where, under the sun, is there a resort which can boast of so many hotels?

Then, too, how easy of access Atlantic City, by means of two well-managed and finely-appointed railroad lines, the best of your city may, in six hours, be exchanged for the invigorating breezes of the seashore; and, being at a distance of more than fifty miles from the nearest large city, the rougher elements of society, that frequent many watering-places nearer large towns, are avoided. Here absolute rest and quiet are secured, every reasonable wish may be gratified, every shade of fancy indulged, and at prices not all tastes; and, at the close of the season, a rejuvenated return to their homes, and refreshed by the bracing atmosphere, and with the most agreeable recollections of the social life which they have enjoyed in large measure at Atlantic City.

I have alluded to the hotels of Atlantic City, but, as the subject is an important one, I must reserve it for my next letter. The public houses here are numerous, most of them good, many of them excellent, and some of them palatial, while at not a few attention is paid to the care of the family who desire home comforts and care more for substance than show. More anon.

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